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DONATIONS: 600 pairs sought for each of two schools

Skates for Kids ices donation team for second year

WAYNE CAMPBELL
PelhamNEWS Staff

WELLAND — Canadian kids on skates seems a natural experience but for many in Niagara it has slipped out of reach.

The realization that few youngsters had skates for school public skating events triggered the first Skates for Kids program last year.

An appeal for 250 skates brought in more than 500 for Empire Public School and St. Mary Catholic in Welland and a St. Catharines school, said Steve Yochim, senior financial adviser with PenFinancial Credit Union.

This year the second annual Skates for Kids kicked off at Ross Public School last week, which along with St. Anthony Catholic school in St. Catharines, is a school where students need help.

The drive hopes to attract 600 "gently used" pairs of skates for each school by Sept. 17.

For Yochim, the appeal has a special meaning. He attended Ross School from kindergarten to Grade 6 and hopes to see the whole school hit the ice at Welland Arena on Sept. 23.

The Niagara St. school draws from an area on the west side of the city stretching down to Lincoln St.

"It's a big area taking in Denistoun and all the neighbourhoods around us," said Ross teacher George Eliopoulos.

The father of a minor hockey player, he said he knows the joy of the game and found it sad when he realized how few students at the school had skates.

The donated skates will be kept by the school and used in its skating program for years to come, he said.

The program is sponsored by PenFinancial Credit Union and Sun Media newspapers The Tribune and St. Catharines Standard.

Sponsors also include the Niagara Ice Dogs, Astral Media Radio 105.7 EZ ROCK, 97.7 HTZ-FM and 610 CKTB, Silvestri Sports and Front Row Sports, the Niagara Regional Police Association and the National Hockey League Players Association.

Brad Boyes, a forward with the NHL's St. Louis Blues, became the drives honourary chairman last year and continues the role this year.

He never had to worry about skates and equipment when he was kid, so he was surprised to learn that so many kids did not have skates.

"It's an amazing sport," he said about hockey and he wants others to be able to play it.

He said when he told them about the project the National Hockey League Players Association jumped in with skates, helmets and jerseys.

During the kick-off ceremony, Debi Wiebe, Sun Media regional community relations director, said skating is considered a "right of passage but so many children have not been out on the ice yet."

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WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

Brad Boyes of the St. Louis Blues and honorary chair of Skates for Kids program accepts donations of used skates from Max Johnson, B.J. Lewis and James Eliopoulos at Ross Public School. The second annual drive to gather 600 skates for the school to allow students to participate in skating programs is under way.

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■ **DONATIONS**

2 stores will repair, sharpen skates

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"It should be open to all children," Wiebe said.

Two stores — Silvestri Sports in Welland and Front Row Sports in Thorold and St. Catharines — will repair, clean and sharpen the donated skates over the next month.

It involves a lot of long hours of work for him, but it's a great program, said Shawn Marcoux of Silvestri Sports.

While all used skates are welcome, those size six and under are of the most benefit for children, he said.

When it comes to learning, hockey skates seem the best even for girls, Marcoux said.

"Picks on figure skates take time to master."

In Welland skates can be dropped off at PenFinancial at 247 East Main St., Silvestri Sports at 68 West Main St., The Tribune office at 228 East Main St., Niagara Regional Police Association at 1706 Merrittville Hwy and Ross School at 358 Niagara St.

■ **FOOD SAFETY:** Cloth found in serving

Can of ravioli comes with unpleasant surprise

WAYNE CAMPBELL
PelhamNEWS Staff

PELHAM — For Michael Filion, Friday the 13th left a bad taste in his mouth.

The Fonthill resident pulled the top off a can of Chef Boyardee ravioli, poured it into a sauce pan, cover it, heated it up, put it in a bowl and the bit into a piece of chewy plastic.

What he thought was sauce-covered ravioli stuck together actually was a plastic cleaning cloth.

"I was sick for two days with diarrhea," Filion told The PelhamNEWS.

This week he has contacted ConAgraFoods, which makes Chef Boyardee, the local convenience store where he bought the can, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and the hospital for advice on food poisoning.

The company representative on the phone apologized for the bad can of food, asked for code numbers and expiry date on the can to trace it and offered $30 in food vouchers, he said.

"I was sick for two days, $30 doesn't seem like much," he said.

He was also asked to send the can and cloth back, "but once I did I'd have no proof it happened," said the Haist St. resident. He did e-mail photos of the can and cloth.

Dave Jackson, a spokesman for ConAgraFoods at its head office in Omaha, Nebraska, said the company is disappointed about a customer receiving such an item.

"It's definitely not acceptable," he said.

He said he was glad Filion got in touch with the company and provided the numbers on the can and e-mailed photos.

"It will allow us to investigate when it was packaged, where it came from so we can determined what happened," he said.

Investigators follow the process back from the point of sale through distribution and manufacturing, he said.

"We try to make sure it won't happen again," Jackson said.

"We will offer coupons or other forms of compensation to make it right with the customer."

He said the company will follow up with the customer after it completes its investigation.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency sent a staff member to pick up the can and cloth.

"I kept half of the cloth just to ensure I have part of it," said Filion.

While it may have accidentally fallen into the can, Filion is concerned that someone may have left it in as a prank.

The towelette in a partially filled can would weigh the same as a normal can and not be detected in the mechanical process, he said.

WAYNE CAMBELL Staff Photo
Michael Filion of Fonthill got a surprise when he bit into plastic cloth that came in a can of ravioli.

"It is a freak happening," and he appreciated apologies from the store manager and the company's representative but he is concerned it may have been intentional.

Marilyn Taylor, communications officer with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, said the agency encourages people to call when then find something unusual. Agents can use a can and numbers on it to go back through the system.

"It's one of the ways we can trace food safety compliance," in addition to inspections, monitoring and other types of reporting, she said. It could lead to a recall or other measures if necessary.

Calls can be made to a general inquiry number 1-800-442-2342 at which an operator can direct the inquiry. A specific food compliance number 1-800-701-2737 receives recorded messages.

"We do monitor the messages and will get back to people," said Taylor.

She said people should also contact companies who make the product.

Acting inspection supervisor Bob Imre at the agency's Hamilton office, said in the case of a complaint like this agents will visit the store where the item was bought, ask if there were any other complaints and then go back through the retail and manufacturing process.

If it was made in Canada they would investigate the site, he said.

If it came from outside Canada, they would contact the company's Canadian headquarters and work with it to determine the origin.

"It's a matter of maintaining quality and safety," he said and the agency will notify the person who files a complaint about the followup.

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■ **UNITED WAY:** Tribune co-sponsors Auberge Richelieu event

Funds will flow to South Niagara agency from waterball competition

WAYNE CAMPBELL
PelhamNEWS Staff

WELLAND — United Way of South Niagara will reach into the past to blast into the future this fall.

With The Tribune, it will stage what is being called tbe inaugural Waterball Competition at Auberge Richelieu on Welland Rd. Sunday, Sept. 26.

However, for 17 years through the 1980s and 1990s Welland volunteer firefighters held a regular fundraising competition.

Firefighter Bill Biggar, who competed for 13 years said clubs, bars, offices, hotels and other groups entered teams from around the area to generate excitement and funds for the United Way.

Ward 1 Coun. Leo Van Vliet, who competed in the earlier competition as a firefighter and is helping to organize the revived version, said they had up to 80 teams and raised $7,000 one year.

"It started the campaign with a lot of excitement," he said.

Waterball 2010 chair Stan Frost said the plan is to make it a family day at Auberge Richelieu with a barbecue and live entertainment while you watch the teams compete for trophies and prizes. "My family is entering a team," he said.

A team consists of five members plus a coach, he said. Entry fee is $50.

Using fire hoses, the object is to pusb a ball hanging from an overhead cable on rollers into the opposing team's side.

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Staff Photo

Nathan Hollingworth, 7, is guided by a member of Welland Volunteer Fire Department No. 2 during a mock waterball competition at Seaway Mall. The United Way of South Niagara is encouraging the formation of six-member teams to compete in a United Way fundraiser on Sunday, Sept. 26. Teams for the competition will have an age minimum age limit of 14.

■ **MARSHVILLE**

Crafters, cars and demonstrations return Labour Day weekend

MARYANNE FIRTH
PelhamNEWS Staff

WAINFLEET — Travel back in time Labour Day weekend.

More than 20,000 people are expected to do just that for the 22nd annual Marshville Heritage Festival.

The festival, which celebrates life in the 1850s and 1860s, takes place Sept. 4, 5 and 6 at Marshville Heritage Village in Wainfleet.

"The festival is very family-oriented, very hands-on," said festival chair Margaret Robertson.

"There's lots to see, lots to do, lots to hear and lots to smell," she said with a laugh.

With an abundance of crafters, demonstrators, entertainers and food vendors, the three-day event offers something for everyone.

More than 400 volunteers donate their time, dressing in period costumes and performing hands-on demonstrations, such as rope making and timber framing, which adds to the atmosphere of the village.

Seeing how work was once done and how items were once created is a real eye-opener for many people who visit the village, Robertson said.

While the festival celebrates the traditional ways that were at one time everyday life in Wainfleet, it has also created present day family traditions for people around the region, she said.

"People come back year after year after year. It's a great family outing to end the summer with."

Festival hours are Saturday, Sept. 4, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 5, from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Monday, Sept. 6, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission is $6 for visitors aged 10 and older, and free for children under 10.

On the Saturday only, seniors will be admitted for $5.

The festival's car show has always drawn a crowd, Robertson said, so this year organizers decided to expand it to cover all three days.

Vehicles from 1950 and earlier will be shown on Saturday, and models from 1950 to 1974 on display the Sunday. On the Monday, the Niagara British Car Club and the Vintage Motorcycles Niagara Division will be exhibiting vehicles on site.

This year's entertainment lineup will include the Torchmen Gospel Quartet, Peace River Band, Toasted Western Swing Band and Lindsay Mills, as well as children's entertainers the Smudge Fundaes and Calvin the Magician.

A church service will be held on the Sunday at 11:30 a.m. with pastor John Sider.

For more information and a detailed schedule for the performers, visit www.marshvilleheritagefestival.com.

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Margaret Robertson, chair of the Marshville Heritage Festival, displays the newest addition to this year's event — a 1912 cash register from the National Cash Register Co. in Toronto.

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■ RIPE AND READY

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It's the season for peaches. Tereza Hozjan, owner of Town & Country Farms, was busy picking large, ripe peaches from her orchard recently. She and husband Joe have been selling fresh fruits and vegetables from their Ridgeville farm, 361 Canboro Rd., for the past 17 years. Their fruit stand is open seasonally seven days a week.

■ perspective

Wayne Campbell
EDITOR

The spirit of back to school

Now more than ever September has become going-back-to-school time for more than youngsters and young adults.

Out of both interest and necessity those school supply aisles in department stores are filled with people of all ages.

There are retired people fulfilling a livelong dream of taking particular courses.

There are professionals upgrading skills for steadily changing professions.

There are unemployed whose jobs have disappeared looking for new skills.

There are those who drop out of school to go work who are now dropping back into the education stream to prepare for work.

The sources of learning have increased.

No longer do you compete for a few spots in crowded classrooms.

Online learning has expanded openings in high schools, colleges and universities.

Other sources of learning from public libraries to private education programs have a wider range of selections.

The explosion in learning has come with drawbacks.

Fees at colleges, universities, high school for programs and online learning have increased putting expansion of education out reach of many in most need of it.

While online learning and private education has opened doors to opportunity, they have also opened them to fraud. You must research the value of what is offered.

We have to challenge governments and education institutions over the barriers to learning they are throwing up just when the hunger is increasing.

Despite these drawbacks, September has become a time for many to leaf though course calendars, scroll through websites and check out community program lists.

For students of all ages, it's a time to dream of renewal, to feed a desire to learn or a chance to start a new adventure.

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A modern tale of the princess and the frog

Arnie Dyker

Clamping. Clumping? Crimping?

Glamping! That's it.

It's one of those newfangled made up words for a made up concept. It means "glamour camping," where you go off into the woods somewhere and get coddled like you're at some luxury spa.

Anyway, CBC radio had a program on about it. Arnie was wandering in and out of the bouse, picking up bits and pieces of the show, and honing in on some on the call-in answers to the request: "Tell us the best and worst camping experiences you've ever bad: the most luxurious and the roughest of the roughin' it."

Well' Ol' Arn was expecting a number of calls about, "Well, sir, we was in the Yukon, winter a' '73, an' it would'a been a nor'easter blowin' but we was so far north the wind could ony come from the south. An' then this here great white 12 foot tall sucker of a polar bear come a'grinnin' through the tent flap, gobs a' saliva foamin' down his chin, madness in his one good eye. So I grabs the trusty Bowie knife outa the gunny sack, and then ....."

But what he got was a bunch of ladies calling in to say how swell the toe massages were at this "camping resort" "up there" in the Muskokas, and one guy calling in to say that he and his wife used to take these wonderful canoe trips into Killarney Provincial Park and last summer she dragged him off to one of these luxury camping resorts, and now he's looking for some kind of compromise because she thought all the pampering was terrific but he liked it a lot better back there in the canoe.

The one real roughing-it experience came from a young lady who told of herself and a group of five friends in three canoes, out for an adventure 350 miles north of Toronto and paddling unwittingly into the crest of a tall waterfall, one of the canoes tipping over and dumping two paddlers into the cold lake, plummeting canoe and all their food supplies into the base of the waterfall; then rescuing the dumped girls and clambering down to retrieve the lost canoe and supplies. They ate soaked sandwiches for the remainder of the trip because "We weren't quitting then. Besides, it was three days paddle to get out."

That's an adventure.

It contrasts nicely with the next caller's file:

"We like to be by the water when we're camping. So we got a beautiful campsite right by the lake. But just after we went to bed, a big bullfrog started making these awful croaking sounds. And really loud."

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Meeting with ministers at AMO conference

Last week, Councillors Emmons and Durley, Town CAO Martin Yamich, and I attended the Association of Municipalities of Ontario Conference (AMO). The Annual Conference offers a range of learning sessions and networking opportunities for municipalities. More than 1400 delegates attended the three-day event in Windsor themed "Propelling Economic Prosperity."

While at AMO, your Pelham reps also directly advanced your

Dave Augustyn
MAYORAL VIEW

interests with the Provincial Government through meetings with four Ministers.

First, we met with the Honourable Jim Bradley, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing, to seek clarity about some Greenbelt issues. You see, while re-zoning the new Fire Station #2 property, we had hoped to include some overflow parking in the back portion of the 4.9 acre site. But, under a strict interpretation of the Greenbelt, that was not allowed. Rest assured, the Town did accommodate all the parking in the 2.3 acre "urban boundary" portion of the site. However, we are worried about a strict interpretation for the Centennial Park Master Plan, which calls for building a concession / washroom facility in the Greenbelt. Also, should the Town need to make changes at Fire Station #3 in the Shorthills, any other suitable properties would be Greenbelted. Provincial staff promised to work with Town staff to clarify these issues.

Next, we met with the Hon. Madeline Meilleur, Minister of Community & Social Services regarding the Province's accessibility standards. You see, nearly six months after we approved our 2010 Capital Budget, tbe Province changed accessibility requirements for this fall's Municipal Elections. While it's good that voting stations now need to be fully accessible, we asked that the Minister consider Municipal budget schedules next time.

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■ MAYORAL VIEW

Minister may accept invitation to tour accessible playgrounds

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Peter Partington

We also suggested that any future Provincial grants include specific criteria for increasing accessibility.

Finally, we informed the Minister about our nine new, fully accessible playgrounds; she was very impressed and may accept our invitation to tour them.

Then, Regional Chair Peter Partington and I met with Hon. Peter Fonseca, Minister of Labour, regarding public sector arbitration awards. We pointed out that while the Provincial Government called on Provincial ministries and municipalities to show fiscal restraint, recent arbitrations have disregarded taxpayer affordability. We referenced two recent three-year awards: 12% for Orangeville Police, and 10% for Niagara Regional Police. The Minister promised to continue to work with the Region on this issue.

Finally, Chair Partington joined Pelham's representatives in a meeting with Mr. David Orazietti, MPP & Parliamentary Assistant for the Minister of Natural Resources. We asked again that the Ministry not reduce the Area of Natural & Scientific Interest (ANSI) on the Fonthill-Kame. We understand that the Ministry expects to complete its work this fall.

You may contact Mayor Dave at mayordave@pelham.ca or read past columns at www.pelhammayordave.blogspot.com.

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■ UNITED WAY

Competition can accommodate as many as 75 teams

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"Each match is two-minutes long," he said. "We have about 10 teams already and hope to get at least 50."

The competition can accommodate up to 75 teams.

Frost said with two-minute competitions the field whittles down quickly.

Van Vliet said firefighters provide rain coats, hoses, helmets and other equipment but participants are encouraged to wear shoes they can afford to get wet.

"No saddles or flip-flops for safety reasons," he said.

The competition is vigorous but you don't have to be a firefighter to win.

"A team from Macdonald's won it three years in a row," said Van Vliet.

Minimum age for participants is 14.

"Sixteen or older would be best," said Biggar.

Entry forms are available at the Tribune and United Way offices. You can register for the competition in advance with a $50. You can also register on the day of competition at 9 a.m. at Auberge Richelieu.

All proceeds from day will go to the United Way.

For spectators admission to the waterball contest is free with canned food donation that will go to The Hope Centre.

United Way campaign administrator Gemma Whiteside said the agency is delighted with the revival of the waterball event.

The committee doing it is well organized and are bring it along, she said.

Special events raise the United Way campaign and help draw the attention of individual donors, she said.

The United Way always works hard to increase donations through payroll deductions, Whiteside said, but changes in the local economy will mean more attention will be paid to attracting individual donors.

The United Way welcomes anyone who may wish to stage a community event. Those interested should contact her at the United Way office.

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■ **SKIING:** Summer powder in winter setting

Fonthill skier coaches in Chilean camp

WAYNE CAMPBELL
PelhamNEWS Staff

For Fonthill skier Matt Dussault, it became a dream come true.

He always wanted to find good summer snow, something beyond the slush of Rocky Mountain glaciers.

This year the 24-year-old did it. But he had to go south.

While his friends in Fonthill sweated through a hot summer, he slid through great powder in Chile as a ski camp coach.

Of course, Chile is south of the equator — it's winter.

Dussault, a business marketing student in a ski operations resort at Georgian College in Barrie, was hired to coach for Evolve Chile, a ski and snowboarding camp in Chile run by a Toronto-based company.

He has more than six years of serious skiing experience at Whistler B.C. and other resorts, although the former Notre Dame College School student said he's been skiing since he was very young.

The three-week camp involved a group of 20 students and another of 14 from North and South America and Europe.

"They were more advanced students who were looking for fine tuning," he said

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WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

Matt Dussault of Fonthill found a way to beat the heat of southern Ontario. He coached skiing at the Evolve Chile ski and snowboarding camp run by the Toronto company for international students in Chile. In the South American country, it's winter and "the skiing was great."

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■ **FAIR TRADE:** Donations sought for September trip

Ridgeville shop owner makes link with El Salvador artisans

WAYNE CAMPBELL
PelhamNEWS Staff

A $1,000 goes a long way in a country like El Salvador.

Carol Lloyd, owner of Nature's Corner Bakery and Cafe in Ridgeville, took donations from friends and customers with her on a recent trip to the Central American country.

She was there for a 10-day trip in July to explore opportunities for stocking her store with Fair Trade items. The money and a case load of medical supplies from a St. Catharines doctor were to supply orphanages and a seniors home.

"The money bought more than 500 pounds of food including beans, rice and corn," she said about the staple diet of the region.

That supplied 80 days of food for a seniors home and about 40 days for the orphanages. They also bought books, pencils, and toys.

"There was still money left to put toward a playground for one of orphanages," she said. "What was there was falling down."

The doctor's supplies were given to an orphanage doctor.

Lloyd said she has an opportunity to return to El Salvador in early September and will take along more donations. Spending money there helps to stimulate the local economy.

That's the purpose of Fair Trade. It connects a seller like Nature's Corner directly with the artisans who make the products.

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WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

Carol Lloyd shows some of the Fair Trade items she brought back to her shop Nature's Corner in Ridgeville from a trip to El Salvador. She took money donated by friends and customers to assist a seniors residence and an orphanage in the Central American country.

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■ FAIR TRADE

Faces to go with products

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Lloyd said while she was there she met a group in an artisans' community and saw how the community prospers in the hands of those who made the products. They help their families and their suppliers. She has faces to go with the products.

It was "a first hand experience to see how these artisans prosper and thrive when given fair wages, safe working conditions and proper business education and practices," she said.

"In the end this is what connects us to a product."

Lloyd brought back items, which she is now selling in her store on Canboro Rd. in Ridgeville.

"While Nature's Corner Bakery is still all about 'healthy, simple and local' food we now stand for much more, she said.

"In taking this trip to make a connection with Fair Trade communities and to connect a product to a person, family, farmer and community has given me an appreciation and an awareness."

El Salvador, she said, is a beautiful country with mountains, ocean and lakes and she hopes to make more people aware of it.

When most people think of it, it has a stigma because of its long civil war, but it has moved past that, she said.

Lloyd is going to Guatemala for an Aids to Artisans fair trade show for which she will receive a ticket for a flight. She said she wants to give in even a small way when she returns to Central America.

"With the generous help of friends and customers of Nature's Corner I was able to do this," she said.

"I leave Sept. 6 so if anyone is interested in donating cash, a little goes a long way, or any items for babies or children that are light weight such as light clothing, flipflops, crocks, vitamins really anything that is light and not too bulky."

The store on Canboro Rd. at Effingham St. is open seven days a week, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Sunday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. You can also contact her at 905-892-0059.

■ SKIING

Dussault plans to study Spanish

FROM PAGE A7

About 80% of the time was spent skiing rather than freestyling, Dussault said.

"When you get blessed with that much snow, you go for it," he said. "You leave the freestyle for when there is little powder."

They went to various resorts in the north and south of Chile working on advanced skiing techniques.

As change of pace, they spent three days surfing along the country's Pacific coast, he said.

"It's a nice break after eight days of skiing," he said. "Gives your body a break, a chance to relax."

He did learn a lesson, the necessity to know Spanish as a coach in a country like Chile.

"When I go back to school I'm going to pick up a Spanish course," he said.

Skiing styles are "pretty much the same" in Chile as North America, he said.

The equipment, however, such as chair lifts remain technically behind North America where you have eight-person chairlift units rather than two.

"Everything about the accommodations was top notch," he said about where the group stayed.

On one trip they did get stuck on the side of a mountain when chains on their cars failed. After being stranded for two or three hours, the lodge owner driving a big truck found them.

The experience as a ski camp coach showed Dussault a potential future.

"My mom bugged me to go back to school, when not skiing," he said about how he got into the Georgian College course.

He said he sees he can combine what he learned in marketing with skiing.

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THURSDAY, SEPT. 2

FONTHILL BANDSHELL
Marty Allen, sponsored by Provincial Hearing Consultants at Thursday Night Concert series from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 8,

Welland Camera Club is starting its 50th Anniversary season with new member orientation and "Photoshop CS5 is Out; Take a Fantastic Tour of Everything That's New" by Colin Smith. The meeting begins this evening at 7:30 p.m. Wesley United Church, 244 First Ave. N. For info contact Larry Lanigan 905-892-4699

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FONTHILL BANDSHELL
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PELHAM ART ASSOCIATION
Fall Classes – Instructor James Kerr - Continuing Study on Drawing Beginners to Advanced Thursday, Sept. 9 - 6 week session 10:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Fee: $70 members -$90. non – members. Contact: Mary 905 - 892 – 4625. Festival Room, Pelham Library,Village Square, Fonthill.

Instructor James Kerr – Acrylics Thursday, Sept.9. 6 week session 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Fee $90.members - $110 non members. Contact Mary 905-892-4625. Festival Room, Pelham Library,Village Square,Fonthill.

Instructor Beverly Sneath - Watercolours Thursday, Sept 9, 7 week session 1p.m. - 4 p.m. Fees: $105 members $125 non members. Contact Mary 905-892-4625. Festival Room, Pelham Library, Village Square, Fonthill.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 10.

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SUNDAY, SEPT. 12

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Tuesday Night Bingo, St. Ann's Parish, 834 Canboro Rd., Fenwick, 7 p.m. Begins September 14 and contnues every Tuesday to the end of June. Wheelchair accessible. Chance to win $100. 905-892-6123.

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■ **CONSERVATION:** Royal Ontario Museum travelling show

Ball's Falls centre presents Northern Owl exhibit

For PelhamNEWS

Northern Owls, a travelling exhibit from the Royal Ontario Museum, is coming this fall to the Centre for Conservation at Ball's Falls Conservation Area.

Northern Owls focuses on fascinating and less well-known aspects of owl bebaviour, biology, and lifestyle.

Most owls are active at night and secretive during the day; some even perch in a way that makes them look like the branch of a tress to hide from view.

They can freeze and store food for use later. This exhibit will tell you how they do it and provide more interesting owl stories.

There are no live owls in the exhibit.

This exhibition, accompanied by English and French text, features 11 beautifully mounted owl specimens in small case settings suggestive of their natural habitats.

The exhibition is in three sections: feathers, hunters by nature and the ultimate Northern Owls.

Northern Owls, Owl Calls create an interesting ambiance, which complements tbe viewing of the exhibition.

A section of the exhibit will feature the National Film Board documentary the Lady and the Owl, which highlights the work of Dr. Kay McKeever and the Vineland Owl Foundation. An activity centre with puzzles, games, crafts and a scavenger hunt add another dimension to this exhibit.

School programs for grades kindergarten to Grade 8 can be booked in conjunction with this exhibit.

On opening day, Saturday Sept. 18, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. visitors will meet zoologist Annick Gionet from the Owl Foundation, while taking part in owl crafts and other special activities. There will be giveaways and a draw for a gift bag courtesy of Owl Magazine.

The exbibit will continue to Monday, Nov. 15. Ball's Falls Centre for Conservation is open daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission to Ball's Falls; $5.50 for adults, $4 for students/senior and $15 maximum car load.

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■ DYKER

This is thought-provoking stuff

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"And it kept going on and on and I couldn't sleep for all the bullfrog sounds, croaking away like that in the middle of the night.

"So I sent my husband out with a flashlight to look for it, and he threw rocks at it until it stopped croaking. Then, as soon as he came back to bed, the bullfrog would start up again. So I sent my husband back out with the flashlight. After a while, he just went out there in his underwear because as soon as he got his pants off to get back into bed, the bullfrog would start up again and he had to get up with the flashlight and I'd hear the rocks splashing the water, and then he'd come back after 10 minutes and as soon as he got back into bed, there it was again: 'Croak, croak, croak.' You have no idea. After about an hour, I just took my blanket and went to lie down in the back of the car."

This is thought-provoking stuff.

The first thought would have to be what to make of the host's amused and slightly stunned response: "Boy, your husband is some kind of special man."

You could have a whole separate radio call-in show about "what kind of special man is he?"

The second might be about different strokes – Arnie has always believed in that. There is no right or wrong in whether you prefer a more rough-edged wilderness experience or a more pampered one. These kinds of matters are a little like musical tastes. You like what you like and that's all there is to it.

But Arnie does have a hunch about which of these callers he'd rather have backing him up stranded in a dark alleyway and to which one he might say, "It's OK, you go back to the house and I'll be home later if I survive."

And the third thought might be that the fairy-tale of the Princess and the Frog would have had an entirely different, and perhaps no less interesting, ending, if this particular frog lady had been the princess.

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Arnie Dyker is a humour writer living in Pelham.

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Sports

■ **HOCKEY:** Junior Canadians coach prefers exhibition games to training camp scrimmages in assessing talent

Winning attitude

BERND FRANKE
Tribune Staff

WELLAND – Rob Hubbert takes a backseat to no one in junior B hockey when it comes to wanting to win during the regular season and in the playoffs.

A former goaltender who knows all too well how momentum can affect the outcome of a game, the Welland Junior Canadians head coach loathes to see his team surrender goals in the first or last minute of a period. He knows from experience how such lapses in concentration can snowball and roll a team favoured to win into the loss column.

But years of being behind the bench matching lines to neutralize an opponent's strength as a coach as well as nights spent on the road evaluating talent as a general manager have also taught Hubbert that winning doesn't mean all that much in the pre-season — if victories in exhibition games mean anything at all.

"There are some teams that want to win every time they step on the ice, and more power to them for wanting to build a culture of winning, but that's not what the pre-season is to me," he said following his team's 7-5 loss Sunday night to the Port Colborne Pirates at Welland Arena.

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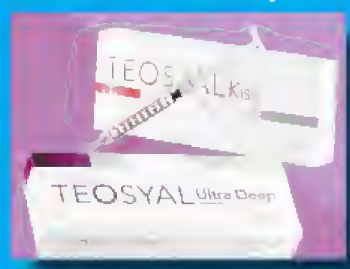

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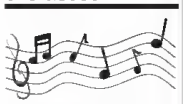

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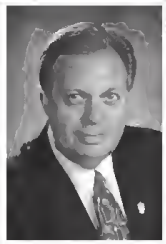
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Hubbert looking for hockey sense

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Instead of watching that game looking to create match-ups that would give Welland an edge, Hubbert had a critical eye on how prospects at his team's training camp were reacting to what was happening on the ice. As he prepares to begin his second full season as the Junior Canadians' bench boss, Hubbert was more interested in getting a sense of who has the most hockey sense of the contenders auditioning for the team.

"Scrimmages at training camp are all well and good, but nothing replaces a game when you need to evaluate a player. You want to put them in different situations to see how they handle whatever the other team can throw at them," Hubbert said following Welland's second game of the pre-season.

"You get to see the competitive edge they have in a game. You can't see that in a scrimmage."

With upwards of 50 prospects at tryouts that officially got underway Friday night, when the ice was finally ready at Welland Arena, the Junior Canadians coaching staff is looking forward to the three exhibition games that the team will be playing over four nights beginning Thursday when the Wheatfield Blades provide the opposition in a 7 p.m. faceoff.

"We want to see who works hard, what they do when they don't have the puck and what they are willing to do to get the puck. We're looking for guys who are not afraid to muck it up along the boards to get possession and put the team in a position to win," the 45-year-old St. Catharines resident said.

Since a team capable of winning a championship has so many starring and supporting roles that need to be filled, no composite would come close to describing the ideal Welland Junior Canadian player. Prospects, who are guaranteed a minimum of three on-ice sessions in return for their $75 training camp fee, are rated according to skill, skating ability and strength as well as talent and tenacity.

Being a "team player" is also important. A willingness to work hard and lead by example are traits that can keep a prospect on the roster long after players with much more talent, but far less character, have been sent packing.

"You want a blend of everything when you're putting a team together. We want guys who want to win and who will work hard. If you work hard, the results will be there," Hubbert said.

He has been especially impressed by at the effort put forth so far at training camp by a number of local players seeking to make the jump from the Welland Minor Hockey Association to the junior B ranks. Morgan Lavoie, Adam Mataya, Matt Mateljan, Brooker Muir, Joey Sacco and Jake Tuck.

While Welland's final lineup won't be set until just before the team's season opener against the Wheatfield Blades in a road game Thursday, Sept. 9, the coaching roster is already finalized. Jordy Atkinson, a Welland native who led Canadians in scoring in his final year of junior hockey, will help Blair Watson work with the forwards, Graham Flett will be the assistant coach responsible for the defence, Sean Ramanauskas will oversee development of the goaltenders and Cam Wilson will compile statistics on Hubbert's staff.

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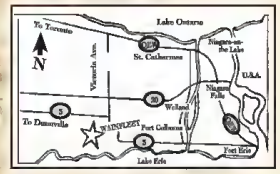

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